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Corporations Lose Special Tax Case

Law Providing Tax on Public Utility Franchise Is Upheld by Su-

WASHINGTON, May 29 -The New York special franchise tax cases were decided today by the Supreme court of the United States adversely to the corporations by which they were brought to the

The decision was handed down by Justice Brewer, and it held the law under which the tax was levied to be valid.

New Principle of Taxation.

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The cases have attracted much attention from the time of their inception, not only because new principles of taxation were involved in their settlement, but because of the large interests involved. They constituted a direct attack on the special franchise tax law of the State of New York of 1890, when President Roosevelt was Governor. The law subjects to a system of general advalorem taxation the special and local franchises of the public utilities, such as street cars, electric light, gas and telephone plants occupying the public streets.

Law Sharply Assailed

This law was sharply assailed by Messrs. Root and Guthrie counsel for the corporations, as unconstitutional on the ground that it impairs the obligation of contracts under which the corporations acquired and own their franchises and that it operates to deny them the due process and the equal protection of the law as guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment.

LARGE AMOUNT INVOLVED.

More Than \$24,000,000 of Back Taxes Must Be Paid.

NEW YORK, May 29-Unpaid taxes amounting to more than \$24,000,000 in Greater New York are made payable by the decision of the Supreme court of the United States today upholding the State tax on corporation franchises. Among the companies affected and the sums due from them under the law are the follow-ing: The Manhattan Elevated Railway company, \$4,21,561; Consolidated Gas company, \$1,489,995; Metropolitan Traction system, \$5,025,184; Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, \$2,22,555; Brooklyn Union Gas company, \$331,285; and the New York and Harlem Raliroad company, \$34,021

BEER-MAKING MADE EASY.

One Drop of Compound Produces a Schooner of Beverage.

ST PAUL, Minn., May 29 - A special dispatch from Rhinelander, Wis., says a ocal chemist has produced a liquid which is 11,000 times stronger than the best quality of beer, and one drop of it placed in large beer glass and filled with ice waer produces a glass of pure beer of the finest grade.

The extract contains an alkaloid from made from the best barley. With the above is combined an article which in contact with water produces beer instantaneously, forming 3½ per cent alcohol, the amount existing in the best brand of beer. A one-cunce bottle of the extract will make 480 schooners, or about thirty wallons of pure beer.

Brewers Ridicule It.

MILWAUKEE. Wis. May 29—When shown the dispatch from Rhinelander regarding the alleged new discovery in the manufacture of beer, two of the most prominent chemists connected with Milwaukee's brewery interests ridiculed the statement as being an utter impossibility

GETS IMPORTANT PLACE.

D. W. Ross Made Purchasing Director for Canal.

CHICAGO, May 29.—The Post today says: "David W. Ross, general superintendent of transportation of the Illinois Central railroad has been made public purchasing director for the Panama canal The place is considered one of great power and responsibility in view of the millions of dollars' worth of supplies that will have to be bought during the years of the canal construction, and the possible tariff trouble involved, which has already been discussed by the Fresident and Secretary of War. Mr. Ross will move at once to Washington and will have his headquarters there after June 1. "Mr. Ross's rise in railroading has been exceptionally rapid. Within a comparatively few years he became assistant to the second president of the Illinois Central. Mr. Ross also acted as purchasing agent for the road and was finally given charge of its transportation department." that will have to be bought during

Johnson to Be Hanged.

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 28.—Joseph Johnson, convicted of the murder of John H. Fox in the postofice here on April 8, was this afternoon sentenced by District Judge Jesse G. Northcutt to be hanged during the week of September 10.

Supreme Court Adjourns.

WASHINGTON, May 29—The United States upreme court has adjourned for the term, all ending cases being continued to the next evm, which will begin October 2 next.

Chief of Police O'Neil said he would accept their services if needed Hint at Secret Alliance.

A secret alliance between the Chicago Team-Owners' association and the teamsters was broadly hinted at in the hearing before Master Sherman today, by Atlorney Alfred Austrian. Thomas J. Cavanaugh, secretary of the Chicago Team-Owners' association, and Arthur J. Dixon, head of the Dixon Teaming company, appeared before the Master, but gave little information that would indicate the existence of a secret agreement between these two interests.

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PORTLAND IN GALA ATTIRE

Nearly Ready for Fair Opening.

Arrival of Troops for Parade Gives City Military Air.

Secretary Loeb Announces Part President Will Take in Opening the Exposition.

PORTLAND, Or., May 29.—In a letter received by the exposition officials, Willam Loeb, Jr., secretary to the President, advises that the programme at the White House on June 1 in connection with the opening of the Lewis and Clark centennial will be substantially a duplicate of that performed last year in the opening of the Louisiana Purchase exposition President Roosevelt's part of the ceremony will take place in the historic East room of the White House and will be room of the White House and will be participated in by the members of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme court, Embassators and Ministers of foreign countries, and other dignitaries.

Will Touch Golden Key.

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Following the St. Louis programme, when President Rocsevelt is advised that all is in readiness for the opening of the fair, he will greet his party in a short address and then touch the golden key which will transmit the signal for the Lewis and Chark centennial, and which will start the chimes and machinery of the exposition. Later congratulatory telegrams will be exchanged between President Rocsevett and W. H. Goode, Coincident with the touching of the key by the President a battery of artillery stationed near the White House will fire the national salute.

Board Members Arrive.

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John C. Scotleid, chief clerk of the Wa-John C. Scoffeld, chief clerk of the Wardepartment, and its representative on the board, arrived here today. M. W. Chance, in a similar capacity with the Poatoffice department, will arrive temorrow. Cod. Cecil Clay and C. H. Hastings of the Government board and representing respectively the Department of Justice and the Library of Congress, are in the city, and the remaining members of the board will arrive within the next day or two.

Irrigation Congress.

It is announced that the irrigation committees of the congress will leave Washington for Portland on June 1 for the purpose of attending the National Irrigation congress to be held at the Lewis and Clark exposition. While en route they will attend the opening of the Trucker-Carson irrigation district in Nevada, on June 17.

Wreckage in the Lake.

The representatives of wreckage, which will enter into the exhibition of the work of the United States life-saving service, was installed in the lake today. The wreckage, consisting of a partly broken hull and mast, will be used for the purpose of showing the method of firing a line and rescuing people by means of the breeches buoy and life car.

Many Traons Arrive.

Many Troops Arrive.

With the almost daily arrival of troops for participation in the military parade. Portland is rapidly assuming a military air. The number now here will be in-creased temorrow by the arrival from Pullman of the Washington Agricultural college cadet corps. The cadets will go into came on the bank of the Willamette river in the vicinity of the fair grounds. Visitors Are Admitted.

The insistent demand for admittances, especially on the part of Eastern visitors, compelled the rescluding of the order closing the exposition gates for the three days prior to the formal opening of the fair almost before it had gone into effect, and visitors will, as heretofore, be allowed to enter the grounds up to the onening day.

Manitoba Governor Dies. WINNIPEG, Manitoba, May 78.—William McDougail, provincial Governor of Manitoba, died in Terente today.

Tartars Massacre, Burn and Pillage

More Than Hundred Killed and Au thorities Powerless to Cope With Situation.

NAKICHEVAN, Government of Ertvan, Trans-Caucasia, May 29.-This Government has been almost in a state of anarchy for days. A massacre of Armenians by the Tartar population is proceeding here and in the surrounding vil-lages. The streets are filled with dead and wounded.

Butchery Is Dreadful.

The Museulmans not only attack but pillage and burn the houses of Chris-tians. The number of victims is not es-timated but exceeds 100 dead, includ-ing a priest. The butchery is reported to be still more dreadful in the villages. Authorities Are Powerless.

It is feared that the Persian Kurds will join the Tartars. The authorities are powerless to cope with the situation.

FIRST WORKING SESSION.

Object of Agricultural Congress Out-

lined by Minister. ROME, May 29.-The first working ses ion of the international congress called to discuss the proposal of the King, made at the instigation of David Lubin of Sac ramento, Cal., to establish an international chamber of agriculture, took place this afternoon at the Corsica palace in the presence of the diplomatic corps and sil the delegates. Foreign Minister Tit-toni delivered a speech welcoming the toni delivered a speech, welcoming the delegates and outlining the object of the

congress.

The congress adjourned until Tuesday, when the discussion of the King's proposition will begin.

Mr. Lubin was not present at today's session of the congress, as he is not a deterrate.

RIO GRANDE STILL RISES.

Many Houses Carried Away in Mesilla Valley.

EL PASO, Tex., May 29 - The Rio Grande mitinues to rise, but slowly. Many houses have been carried away from the Mesilla valley, and others in the Mexican sec-

The street-cur track from El Faso to Towne. Tex. is washed out. The main line of the Santa Fe to Albuquerque is completely under water in several places and traffic is supersided. A bridge on the Rock Island near the Canadian river was washed away, as well as a large stretch of track.

GIVE UP THE SHIP.

Decided French Vessel Went Down With All Hands.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 29 .- The French cruiser Troude, which has arrived here reports that after cruising about the grand banks for a week in search of the missing French fishing vessel, Cousin Rennis she could find no trace of her. The cruiser's officers have decided that she had either struck an loeberg or collided with some other vessel and went to the bottom with all hands, about 190 men.

OFF FOR BROOKLYN,

President Will Make Memorial Day Address.

WASHINGTON, May 25 -President Roose relt left Washington at 12:20 o'clock tonigh or Brooklyn, where he is to be the guest of the citizens tomorrow and will participate the citizens tomorrow and will participate in the Memorial day exercises. A feature of the day will be an address by the President at the unveiling of a statue to Gen, Henry W. Slo-coun. The President was accompanied by Sec-retary Loch and occupied a special car at-tached to the regular express on the Pennsyl-yania rallway.

Fairbanks Speaks at Havre,

HAVRE, Mont. May 29.—Vice-President C W. Fairbanks and party passed through Havre this afterneon on route to Fortland. Mayor Newman and several hundred people greated birn at the Great Northern depet and he speke briefly from the year of his car upon the ben-efits the Milk River valley will derive from the irrigation enterprises under vay in that sec-tion. He left for Portland at 130 p. m.

CZAR NICHOLAS IS PROSTRATED

and Weeps.

Disaster Is a Terrible Blow to Russian Government.

Radical Liberals Openly Rejoice in the Hour of Their Country's

ST. PETERSBURG, May 30, 1:35 a. m. After waiting vainly all day and evening for direct news from the scattered remrants of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's destroyed and beaten flest, the Russian Admiralty at midnight no longer attempted to hold out against the overwhelming evidence pouring in from all directions that the fleet on which all Russia's hopes were centered had suffered a greater disaster than did the combined French and Span ish fleets at Trafalgar.

More Bitter Than Defeat.

nese claim of virtual annihilation of the Russian fleet with practically no losses on their side, and many officers cling dog-gedly to the belief that Vice-Admiral Togo must have suffered heavily.

gatoff's reinforcing division either sent to the bottom or forced to strike its flag-and only six of Rojestvensky's original and only six at Rojestvensky's original sixteen lighting ships absent from the list of vessels sink or captured, and with the Japanese pursuit still continuing, no naval authority has the temerity to dream that Russia can again altempt to wrest the mastery of the sea from Japan in the present war.

Further Struggle Futile.

The effect of the disaster will be a terrible blow to the Government. The futility of trying to struggle on on land is everywhere recognized, and the cry for peace at any price is sure to be raised. This time it is believed the Government cannot resist such a cry. Indeed, the radical Liberals are openly rejoicing in this hear of their country's humiliation. They occlare that the disaster means peace and a constitution, and that the deaths of thousands of their fellow-countrymen and the loss of over a hundred million dollars worth of warships is not too big a price to pay.

The friends of peace in the Government are already repreaching the war party with forcing the issue between Togo and Rojestvensky. When the fleet appeared in the straits of Malacca they fried vainly to persuade the Emperor that the time was opportune for the opening of peace negotiations, but the war party convinced his Majesty, and Rojestvensky, for the honor of the navy insisted that the fleet should be given a chance to retrieve the disasters suffered on land. France Argues for Pence.

Diplomatists entertain no doubt that the beliligerent faction will continue to urge that the war be fought to the bitter end, but the friends of Russia abrond, espe-cially France, are now bringing over-whelming arguments to bear in favor of nearce The Associated Press has excellent rea-

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Delcasse Will Have the Say. Some time age it appeared likely that resident Roosevelt would play a big

Emperor Breaks Down

Humiliation.

More bitter even than defeat is the Japa-

With every ship of Rear-Admiral Nebo

Gives Japs Reinforcements.

The captured warships alone will furnish Japan with ready-made reinforcements which will be more than a match for the Fourth Pacific squadron, now about to sail from Cronstadt.

The Emperar was completely prostrated by the news, and, according to reports, he broke down and wept

Further Struggle Futile.

to pay Reproach War Party.

as to believe that the Russian Govern-ment in this crisis will turn to M. Del-casse, the French Foreign Minister, in whose ability and in whose loyalty as Russia's friend the Emperor and his Min-

ourt of the United States today affirmed the decision of the Circuit court of the northern district of California. That decision directed the re-moval of the two men to the District of Columbia for trial and denied the petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Justice Brown delivered the opinion. Indicted With Benson.

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Hyde and Dimond were indicted under section 544 of the revised statutes, with John A. Benson and J. T. Schmeider, for conspiracy to defraud the United States out of large tracts of public lands. The indictments in their cases, as in that of Benson, were returned in the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, and they have so far resisted all processes to bring them into this jurisdiction, even to the extent of carrying the case to the Supreme court of the United States where it was today decided against them. The defendants are all residents of the Pacific Coast States, and some are reputed to be very wealthy. The operations with which they are charged were carried on in California and Gregon, where it is asserted that they had fraudulently secured hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable land. The plan of the alleged conspirators, as outlined by the Government, was to obtain by illegal means titles to State school lands located in forest reserves in California and Oregon, and to relinquish the titles thus secured to the United States under the exchange provisions of the act of 1597, and to thus obtain patents from the United States to other lands outside of the reserves. In these operations they used either real or fetitious names, as circumstances seemed to suggest.

Against Defendants

Wealthy Californians Lose Out in

Resisting Processes to Carry

Cases to Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 29.-In the

ases of Frederick A. Hyde and Henry P. Dimond, charged with complicity in Western land frauds, the Supreme

ROTHSCHILD'S FUNERAL,

Final Obsequies Held in House Where He Was Born.

PARIS, May 29 .- The funeral of Baron Alphonse De Rothschild, head of the French branch of the banking-house earing the name of Rothschild, and governor of the Bank of France, who died ernor of the Bank of France, who deal Friday, was held today at the house in the Rue La Flite, where he was born. The government was represented at the services by Premier Rouvier, Foreign Minister Deleasse, and other Ministers. Six thousand persons gathered about the building. There were no flowers and no decorations

decorations.

The grand rabbi conducted the services and the interment was at the Bere La Chaise cemetery. The family distributed \$10,000 among the poor in accordance with the wishes of the deceased.

PLEADS FOR SWEETHEART.

Chorus Girl Asks Release of Man Who

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.-Bessie Helen Davis, the chorus girl who was shot by Edward Smedes, a member of the some theatrical company, today appeared at the police station to plead for her asat the police station to plead for her as-suilant's liberty. Several days ago she wrote a letter from the hospital to Cap-tain of Detectives Donaghy, begging him to assist her in securing Smedea's free-dom. She said she intended to withdraw all charges against her sweetheart, be-cause, she said, "he did not mean to hurt we."

Smedes is charged with murderous assault.

The Magistrate refused to release Smeeds, and he was held for the action of the grand jury. That body later ignored the indictment and Smeeds was released from custod?

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gotiations in President Rooseveit's hands. The war party, however, will insist now, as they did after the battle of Mukden, that peace is impossible on the heels of defeat. The members of this faction are already proclaiming the latest disaster in nowise alters the situation on land, Gen. Linevitch having prepared his plans as if the fleet did not exist.

The censorship is taking the position that it is improper to accept the Japaness reports in the absence of official news, and has forbidden the publication of foreign dispatches giving details of the defeat. Nevertheless, news of the magnitude of the disaster spread like wildfire throughout the city, and the main facts were embellished in picturesque detail, netwithstanding the official declaration.

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The Admiralty is without reports of the defeat. Private advices are said to have reached the city from Vladivostok, according to which Rojestvensky is alive, but had a narrow escape. He is said to have transferred his flag from the Kniaz Souwaroff to another battleship, subsequently sunk, and to have been wounded and picked up by a torpedo boat.

A large portion of the officers and sailors of the fleet were residents of St. Petersburg, and evidences of expectant grief are seen on every hand. Wives and families are besieging the Admiralty and are visiting the churches to pray for the escape of their loved ones.

Many of the people of St. Petersburg refuse absolutely to credit the news from Tokio, and are clutching at the belief that perhaps it is not official. The Government undoubtedly fears the effect of the news of the disaster upon the councillance of the contractions of the contractions of the councillance of the cou

that perhaps it is not difficult. The Government undoubtedly fears the effect of the news of the disaster upon the country, as evidence of which Governor-General Treport has taken personal charge of the censorship in St. Petersburg. Peace Demonstrations Expected. Peace demonstrations are generally ex-pected, though, pending the decision of the Government with regard to the open-ing of negotiations, it is impossible to pre-dict what stand the anti-Government forces may take

Poles Rejoice in Defeat

WARSAW, May 25 - The news of the Richard naval defeat has been received here w President Roosevelt would play a big tole in the peace negotiations, but now his share is apt to be determined by M. Deleasse's decision. The latter may, of course, consider it wise to place the ne-

Russian Warships Land Fraud Decision TOGO'S VICTORY IS SWEEPING

Russian Fleet Badly Shattered.

Possible That Rojestvensky Perished in Terrible Battle.

Official Report Shows Thirteen Warships Sunk, Six Captured, Three Thousand Prisoners.

WASHINGTON May 30 - The Post says the Navy department has received an official telegram from Toklo saying that the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship, went down in the action and that Admiral Rojestvensky was lost.

of the disaster suffered by the Russian fleet, and point to the fact that Russia's hopes, so far as this war is concerned. now lie in whatever may be accomplished by the oft-beaten army in Manchuria.

Latest advices confirm the magnitude

Losses Definitely Known. An official report received from Tokio by the Japanese legation at Washington Monday evening says that the Russian osses definitely known include two battleships, a coast defense ship, five cruisers, two special service ships and three destroyers sunk, and two battleships, two coast defense ships, one destroyer and one special service ship captured, while over 3000 prisoners have been taken, in

cluding Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff.

Japs Are Still in Pursuit. The Japanese, it would seem, are still sursuing the Russians, and it may be some time before the final result is

There is nothing to clearly indicate the extent of the Japanese losses, and it is suggested from one source that the Tokio Government is waiting to hear from Admiral Rojestvensky by way of Vladivostok before announcing to what extent

its fleet has suffered. The news of the disaster has caused deep depression in official Russia, though it is not yet known generally among the

Russian people.

Renewed Talk of Peace. Rojestvensky's defeat has given rise to renewed talk of peace. It is pointed out by the Associated Press St. Petersburg correspondent that Russia in this crisis will turn to France, through its Foreign Minister, M. Delcasse, while from Washington comes information that President Roosevelt in accordance with his promise announced a long time ago, is taking steps to do all in his power to bring

about peace negotiations. Rojestvensky May Have Perished. Nothing has been heard from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky. In Tokio there is some belief that he has perished, while another source says he was rescued by a

torpedo boat, but that he is wounded.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES. Russian Fleet Forced Against Japanesc Const.

LONDON, May 30 .- According to the correspondent of the Dully Mail at Seoul, Korea, early on Saturday morning Vice-Admiral Togo, with practically all the powerful fighting ships of the Japanese navy, was at Masampho, Korea, when wireless signals from his scouts between Tsu and Quelpart islands announced the approach of the Russian fleet in full force.

A few hours later the scouts reported that the Russians were not ascending the

Sudden Change of Course.

western channel, as had been anticipated, but that they were coming up the eastern channel, which caused some surprise. Brought Terrific Fire to Bear. Admiral Togo immediately steamed at full speed around the north of Tsu Island. and when he doubled the island he saw the Russians coming in two columns. He

then brought a terrific fire to bear on the

flank of the port column, and as the

Russians fell into disorder he forced them steadily eastward toward the Japanese coast, where they were attacked by every vessel that flew the Japanese flag-

Other Operations Proceeding. Repeated torpedo attacks were delivred, some of them with greatest success. The vessels which escaped, the correspondent says, probably will be able to reach Vladivostok, and he adds that other operations of the utmost importance are

TOGO'S STORY OF FIGHT.

Tells Tersely of Damage Inflicted on the Enemy. TOK10, May 30, 3:30 a m -- Admiral

Togo's brief reports thus far received are as follows: The first report, received on the morn-

ing of May If, immediately on receipt of